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Government of India extends Central financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations every year for projects for development of infrastructure including Tourist Lodges/Yatri Niwases. The projects are prioritised every year in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations based on the merit of the proposals, their interse priority and availability of funds.

(b) The location of projects etc. are decided during the prioritisation meetings which are generally held in June-July every year.

(c) Does not arise.

Presence of Netaji in Russia after his plane crash

*580. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that Netaji died in an air crash of Japan's Tarhoku island in August, 1945;

(b) whether evidence is available that Netaji was in Russia long after plane crash; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The whole issue relating to disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in August, 1945 forms part of the Terms of Reference of a Commission of Inquiry headed by Justice M.K. Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

The Terms of Reference of the Commission are as follows:—

(a) whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;

(b) if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;

(c) whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji;

(d) whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;

(e) if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

The Commission shall also examine the manner in which the exercise of Scrutiny of Publications touching upon the question of death or otherwise of Netaji can be undertaken by the Central Government in the circumstances.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Comments of Director-General of Mines Safety

† 4254. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Directorate-General of Mines Safety has commented that had the map provided by BCCL been correct, the mine accident in BCCL would not have happened; and

(b) if so, the persons responsible for carelessness in preparing the maps for mines and what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) It has been reported by Coal India that they are not aware of any such statement given by DGMS.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer at (a) above.

Mine disaster probe gathering dust

4255. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem "Probe gathers dust after it says officials sent mines to their death" in the Indian Express dated the 21st March, 2001; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.